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e.Republic's Center for Digital Education Ranks Top K-12 and Higher Education Web Portals and Applications

After months of careful consideration and analysis, a panel of national judges has determined the winners of the 2007 Best of Web and Digital Education Achievement Awards. Winners will be acknowledged at the 11th Anniversary Awards Gala in Las Vegas, Nevada on Sept. 21, 2007.

"Once again, this year's entries showed remarkable innovation." said Marina Leight, vice president of education for the Center for Digital Education. "The K-12 Web sites continue to improve communication and expand access to learning resources for the students, parents and teachers that they serve."

On progress in the higher education area Leight added, "There are few environments that are more demanding of progressive technology use than in our nation's colleges and universities. Amazingly, higher education institutions deliver year after year in amazing ways! This year's winners are exceptional examples of the incredible potential and promise of education technology."



The Center's 2007 **Best of the Web** competition evaluates higher education, K-12, state and local Web sites on their innovation, Web-based delivery of public services, efficiency, economy, and functionality.



The **Digital Education Achievement Award** is a national program that recognizes outstanding Web sites and cutting-edge edtech applications

2007 BEST OF THE WEB AWARDS

K-12 State Web site category: Winners:

- GeorgiaStandards.Org Portal Tools
- MassONE
- Public Schools of North Carolina Web Site

Honorable Mentions:

- Alabama Learning Exchange
- Kentucky Education Network

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K-12 District Web site category:

Winners:

- Clayton County, Georgia Public Schools
- Hillsborough City, California School District Web site
- Irving, Texas Independent School District
- Olathe, Kansas District Schools District Web Site

Higher Education Web site category:

Winners:

- Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee Web site
- Howard Community College, Columbia, Maryland Web site
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Web site

2007 DIGITAL EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Teacher-focused category:

Winners:

- ArkansasIDEAS, Arkansas Educational Television Network and the Arkansas Department of Education
- Instructional Materials and Ordering and Distribution System, California Department of Education
- Clearinghouse for Specialized Media & Technology
- Technology Applications Center Web site, Northern Virginia Community College

Student-focused category:

Winners:

- Self-Service e-Recruitment Tool, North Shore Community College, Massachusetts
- Ms. Carol Broos, Music Teacher Web site, Sunset Ridge School #29, Illinois

Student-focused/Student design category:

Winner:

• Living In Two Worlds, New York City Public School 56 Q

Administrator-focused category:

Winners:

- Project SafeGuard, Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Illinois
- The Center for Alternate Media's E-text Web Application, California State University, San Bernardino

Integrated multi-focus category:

Winners:

- Catalyst, University of Washington
- Searchable Video on Demand, Northern Virginia Community College's Television Center
- The International Children's Digital Library, University of Maryland

Honorable Mentions:

- San Bernardino City Unified School District Facilities Management Capital Improvement Program, California
- School District Information Sharing and Communications Secure Web Site, Washoe County School District and the Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, Nevada
- Texas Beyond History: The Virtual Museum of Texas Cultural Heritage, Texas Archeological Research Laboratory at the University of Texas-Austin
- Vegas PBS Ready-To-Learn Web site, Clark County School District, Nevada

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